

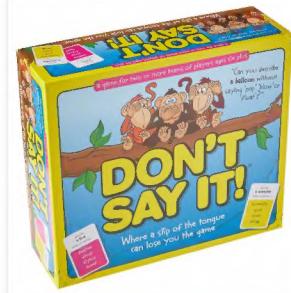
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Thursday, July 4, 2024

Best not to say it - Part 2



Blog readers will recall our recent post concerning a statement by former UCLA professor and now Harvard Dean of Social Sciences Lawrence Bobo.* Here is a follow-up (from the [Harvard Crimson](#)):

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Hopi E. Hoekstra said on Monday that she would not sanction faculty members who criticize Harvard's administration, forcefully distancing herself from an op-ed written by one of her own top deans. Hoekstra's comments come after Dean of Social Science Lawrence D. Bobo suggested last month that there should be "sanctionable limits" on faculty speech. Bobo's op-ed called out high-profile

professors who criticized Harvard's administration amid its most tumultuous period in decades.

Bobo immediately drew criticism from Harvard faculty and free speech advocates, who said limiting faculty speech would constitute a violation of academic freedom and have a chilling effect on dissent. The op-ed backfired on a national scale, garnering headlines and leading prominent Harvard faculty to demand Hoekstra publicly distance herself from Bobo's arguments.

After two weeks, Hoekstra relented. "In recent days, I've heard from a number of you who have expressed sincere concerns about whether FAS faculty can be sanctioned for criticizing the institution or its leadership," Hoekstra wrote in a Monday email to FAS faculty members. "My unequivocal answer is no."

Bobo argued in his June 15 op-ed that faculty should face penalties for speech that he described as breaching professional conduct, such as sharply criticizing the University in a way that "incite[s] external actors" or encouraging students to participate in protests that violate Harvard policy.

Jeffrey S. Flier, co-president of the Council on Academic Freedom at Harvard, wrote in a rebuttal published in the Atlantic that "Bobo didn't identify the nature of the sanctions he had in mind."

"But any sanction for the speech he referenced would be a frontal assault on academic freedom," he added...

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*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/06/best-not-to-say-it.html>.

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This brouhaha simply underlines our previous lesson for university administrators to be drawn from this incident: Every thought does not deserve an op ed.

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Ocean Park Pier, July 4, 1929. Little did the crowd know what the next decade was going to bring.

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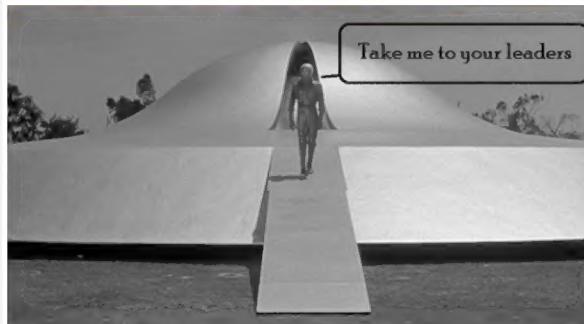
Recently, various individuals in one of UCLA's schools received an email - ostensibly from the dean - with a cryptic message such as "Can you call me?" According to IT folks, the scammers pick an official, such as a dean, and then send such messages to individuals who appear lower on the totem pole, hoping for a response. Apparently, there is a surge of such messages being sent to UCLA email addresses at present. There is no actual hacking involved since UCLA email addresses are easily obtained.

The scammers hope recipients will respond. So don't. If you think a message might be legit from, say, a dean, you can separately email that person using their UCLA email address. Just don't hit reply to the initial message. Delete it.

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The University of California announces that **Janet Reilly** will serve as Chair of the Board of Regents and **Maria Anguiano** as Vice Chair commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The appointed chairs for the Board's Standing Committees for 2024-25 include:

Regent Cohen, chair of the Finance and Capital Strategies Committee
Regent Sures, chair of the Compliance and Audit Committee
Regent Leib, chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee
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Regent Robinson, chair of the Investments Committee
Regent Hernandez, chair of the National Laboratories Committee

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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Ex officio members: Regents Drake, Newsom, Reilly and Thurmond

Advisory members: Faculty Representative Steinrager; Chancellors Gillman, Khosla, Lyons, Muñoz, Wilcox, and Yang

Advisor to the Regents: Staff Advisor Emiru

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Compliance and Audit Committee

Membership: Regents Anguiano, Batchlor, Beharry, Cohen, Elliott (Vice Chair), Leib, Makarechian, Matosantos, Park, Pérez, Rivas, Sherman, and Sures (Chair)

Ex officio members: Regents Newsom and Reilly

Advisory members: Faculty Representative Cheung; Chancellors Gillman, Hawgood, Khosla, Larive, and Yang

Advisors to the Regents: Michael Schini; Staff Advisor Frias

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Finance and Capital Strategies Committee

Membership: Regents Chu, Cohen (Chair), Elliott, Kounalakis, Lee, Makarechian (Vice Chair), Matosantos, Pérez, Sherman, and Sures

Ex officio members: Regents Drake, Newsom, and Reilly

Advisory members: Faculty Representative Cheung; Chancellors Hawgood, Larive, and May

Advisor to the Regents: Staff Advisor Frias

Governance Committee

Membership: Regents Anguiano (Vice Chair) Cohen, Drake, Hernandez, Leib, Newsom, Pérez, Reilly (Chair), Robinson, Sarris, and Sures

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Health Services Committee

Membership: Regents Batchlor, Chu, Makarechian, Park, Pérez (Chair), Sherman, and Sures (Vice Chair)

Ex officio members: Regents Drake, Newsom, and Reilly

Advisory members: Chancellors Hawgood, Khosla, and Wilcox; David Rubin; Lilly Marks; Michael Ong

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Investments Committee

Membership: Regents Anguiano, Cohen, Lee, Leib, Makarechian, Matosantos, Pack, Park, Robinson (Chair), and Sherman (Vice Chair)

Ex officio member: Regents Drake, Newsom, and Reilly

Advisory members: Faculty Representative Steinrager; Chancellors Hawgood, Khosla, Lyons, Muñoz, and Wilcox; Drew Zager

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National Laboratories Committee

Membership: Regents Hernandez (Chair), Kounalakis (Vice Chair), Lee, Pack, Robinson, Salazar, Sherman, and Sures

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Public Engagement and Development Committee

Membership: Regents Chu, Guber, Hernandez, Kounalakis, Lee, Pack, Robinson, Salazar (Vice Chair), and Sarris (Chair)

Ex officio members: Regents Drake, Newsom, and Reilly

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Advisor to the Regents: Staff Advisor Emiru

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Special Committee on Athletics

Membership: Regents Beharry, Hernandez (Chair), Matosantos, Park, Robinson (Vice Chair), and Sherman

Ex officio members: Regents Drake, Reilly, and Newsom

Advisory members: Faculty Representative Steintrager; Chancellors Khosla, Lyons, and May

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Special Committee on Nominations

Membership: Regents Anguiano, Elliott (Chair), Hernandez, Makarechian, Park, Reilly, and Sures

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Presumably, when incoming UCLA Chancellor Frenk arrives in January 2025, he will be attached as an advisor to a committee. Officially, Gov. Newsom is president of the Board of Regents but he rarely attends.

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Tuesday, July 2, 2024

The (New-ish) Alternative Way to Read the Blog

Faithful blog readers will know that at the end of each calendar quarter, we posted a book-like version of the blog in pdf format. In the past, we used a service called Blog2Print to produce the pdf. Unfortunately, Blog2Print went out of business in May. There are other such services available, but for various reasons, they were not helpful for our purposes. However, yours truly doggedly pursued various options and the result can be seen at:

<https://archive.org/details/02-30-15-april/00%20-%20Contents/>.



If you click on that link, you will find the blog posts from April 1 through June 30, broken down into various dates.

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Legacy Admissions



There is a bill in the legislature, AB 1780, that seeks to ban legacy admissions (admissions of individuals related to donors or past enrollees) in private colleges and universities in California.

The bill has gone through various drafts and at first covered public institutions as well. As it went through various drafts, the public sector was dropped. *UC, pursuant to Regents policy, officially does not have legacy admissions.* Eventually,

public universities were dropped from the bill, although a state auditor's report back in 2020 found such admissions had occurred at UC despite official policy.*

In its current version, now in the state senate, although the bill states that it is the intent of the legislature to ban legacy admissions, there isn't an explicit penalty for violation listed. Rather, institutions are required to report numerically any legacy admissions that occur.

There is a hearing today at a senate committee on the bill.

The bill's text is at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20230240AB1780.

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*<https://laist.com/news/college-admissions-uc-donors-bias-audit>.

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Monday, July 1, 2024

The Berkeley Clarification

We reproduce here a letter from outgoing Berkeley Chancellor Christ regarding her encampment deal:

June 24, 2024

Dear members of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Jewish Student Life and Campus Climate,

At our recent meeting, I promised to provide this committee with clarifications and assurances regarding the understanding reached with the coalition that organized the recent encampment on Sproul Plaza. I am also providing written commitments that capture the promises I made on behalf of the campus in support of the needs and interests of our Jewish community. Please feel free to share this communication with members of the community, as you see fit.



Before proceeding, I want to reiterate my appreciation for your forthright communication at what was my final meeting with this essential committee. It is with a great deal of sorrow and empathy that I recognize the challenges faced by so many members of the Jewish community, on campus and beyond, since the horrific October 7 Hamas terror attack on Israel. The ensuing rise in reports of antisemitic expression, including on our own campus, is deeply disturbing. This situation only adds to my appreciation for Prof. Hassner's and Prof. Katz's advocacy in support of new campus programs to provide antisemitism education to larger numbers of students, staff, and faculty. These will constitute major expansions of the work of Berkeley's pioneering Antisemitism Education Initiative, established in 2019.

Clarifications regarding the encampment understandings

What follows is a written reiteration of what I stated regarding the understanding the campus reached with the encampment coalition. First, the commitments that have been made by the campus to facilitate conversations with those who control Foundation and endowment investments do not, in any way, open the door to, or have anything to do with, divestment from entities based on the fact that they do business with or in Israel, or are situated in Israel. I have repeatedly expressed my opposition to any UC-wide, campus, or Foundation policy that would boycott, divest from, or impose sanctions upon Israel.

Second, I want to also confirm that the campus is not undertaking a program-level review of academic programs, academic relationships, or research relationships between the Berkeley campus and educational or research institutions in Israel. The understanding that the campus reached with the coalition reiterates and confirms existing campus policy concerning protected-class discrimination. That policy enables any person who alleges a campus-operated program or activity has engaged in discrimination based on a protected category to make a complaint to OPHD. If a formal investigation then finds discrimination to have occurred or to be occurring, one of the potential remedies for the discrimination can include ending the relationship with the non-campus organization or institution that operates the program in question.

Moreover, I also committed the campus to include representatives identified by the coalition in the group of stakeholders that will be consulted regarding implementation of campus-specific procedures for the new system-wide anti-discrimination policy. I repeat here my commitment to also include representatives that your committee designates as stakeholders in that process. All such consultations are of course ultimately only advisory, and decisions will be made, like in

other matters of policy, by campus leadership. I also want to make clear that there is an important distinction between the development of procedures for anti-discrimination policy, and the actual process for reviewing subsequent complaints. In the latter instance, it is only the professionals of OPHD who will have the power to assess and rule upon the merits of claims of alleged discrimination.

Supporting our Jewish community

In my recent letter to the Academic Senate, I stated that, "disagreements should be based upon an exchange of ideas and not be framed in language that attacks people based upon their identity – antisemitic, anti-Israeli, anti-Palestinian, anti-Zionist, Islamophobic or other identity-based expression." That sentence was born, in part, of my understanding and profound regret that some of the individuals participating in the encampment and other on-campus protests or demonstrations, have been the source of antisemitic expression, as well as isolated, but still unacceptable incidents of physical violence. Some of these incidents have led to reports of bias and discrimination that have been submitted to OPHD. I want to assure you that the campus administration always takes reports of bias and discrimination very seriously, consistent with our commitment to do all that we can so that every member of our community, no matter their origins or their identity, can feel welcome and respected, and have a true sense of belonging.

I understand and acknowledge that many members of our Jewish community felt deeply disturbed, even unsafe, due to the presence and persistence of expression that was reasonably perceived to be antisemitic. As I wrote in a campus message sent last November, "I have been deeply connected to this campus for more than 50 years and rarely, if ever, have I been more concerned about our ability to abide by and sustain our foundational Principles of Community. These principles enable us to balance the inherent tensions between free speech and diversity of perspectives on the one hand and, on the other, our ability to have a strong community that provides a true sense of belonging and safety to its members, regardless of their identities or beliefs."

With that in mind, we will, for the first time, invest significant university funding in support of antisemitism education. We have pledged to maintain these budgetary allocations for the Antisemitism Education Initiative for at least five years. We also hope and expect that the director of the Antisemitism Education Initiative will play a key role in the development of the content for the antisemitism education we are promising to provide on a much wider scale than previously - to all incoming students, incoming Residential Assistants, and incoming leaders of Registered Student Organizations.

We are also, as promised, continuing the review of our "Time, Place, and Manner" rules, as we remain unsure that our current approach, particularly in and around Sather Gate, is serving the campus community well.

Israel and Jewish Studies

In addition to strengthening the commitment to antisemitism education on our campus, I want to assure you of our continuing and unwavering support for Jewish and Israel Studies. In the near future, our Center for Jewish Studies (CJS) will be designated as one of a handful of New Initiative Centers (NICs) at Berkeley. As a NIC, the CJS will, for the first time, have the ability to house endowed chairs and faculty members, and to initiate faculty searches, considerably strengthening the CJS's stature, influence, and autonomy.

Equally important is the outstanding work of the Helen Diller Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies (HDI). It is the largest such program in the country, soon to be strengthened by a new Israel Studies Minor that will begin this fall. We also continue to value our exchanges and relationships with academic institutions in Israel, as well as Berkeley's study abroad programming in Israel, including the HDI's flagship exchange program, the Summer Berkeley Global Internship Program in Haifa.

I also want to affirm that we continue to have tremendous respect and appreciation for the Magnes Institute for Jewish Art & Life, the largest Judaica collection on any university campus anywhere in the world. Together, the CJS, the Helen Diller Institute, and the Magnes offer an exceptionally wide and rich tapestry of educational opportunities connected to Jewish and Israeli history, society, and culture, of which our campus should be very proud.

I have shared this letter with Chancellor-designate Lyons prior to sending it to you, and I want to assure you that we are aligned when it comes to these specific commitments and clarifications, as well as, on a more general level, the extent to which we are committed to addressing the needs and interests of Berkeley's Jewish community.

Throughout my tenure in office this committee has been a consistent source of thoughtful, principled, and constructive guidance, ideas, and criticism. I am, and will always be, grateful for your honesty and forthright expression in support of the community you represent, and for your dedication to our university and its most important values. I am cognizant of, and deeply concerned about the toll events of the last eight months—on campus and off—have taken on many members of the Jewish community. You can be confident that there is no complacency among campus leadership on these issues. Instead, there is a great desire to learn from the missteps of the past and a commitment to constant improvement in support of our Principles of Community.

I fervently wish for there to be peace, safety, and respect for all members of our country's and campus's Jewish communities, and for the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

Sincerely,

Carol T. Christ

Chancellor

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